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THIS ISSUE: HUNTING SEASON

<http://michigan.gov/lmtimelytopics>

Welcome

With hunting season just around the corner, we have tracked down materials on hunting rules, licensing, safety and food safety for you and your constituents.

Resources Spotlight

The following web sites and books from our collection provide reliable information on hot topics in hunting.

100 Years of Deer Management in Michigan
by Ed Langenau, 1994. SK 301 .L363 1994

Becoming an Outdoors Woman

Encouragement for women to be active outdoors from the DNR.

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_15424---,00.html

Food Safety Guides

Proper game handling guides from Pennsylvania State University.

<http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/Publications.asp>

Use the search term *proper* as a title search.

Chronic Wasting Disease from the DNR.

<http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25806---,00.html>

Hunting Safety Tips

<http://www.stjosephs-highland.org/hunting.htm>

Michigan Big Game Records

by Bert Metzger, 1999., SK 91 .M55 1999.

Michigan Hunters with Disabilities

Hunting and disabilities topics are at the bottom of the DNR's Where Can I Hunt site
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363_10913---,00.html

Michigan Hunting & Trapping Guides

Guides for all Michigan's game animals are at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371_14724---,00.html Older issues are available in print at the Library of Michigan.

Michigan Licensing & Season Information

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363_14518---,00.html

Library of Michigan Resources on Hunting

We have several bibliographies on hunting topics, including animal diseases and deer baiting, which are at

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18897---,00.html. If you want a book or an article listed here, contact us to get a copy. We will also search for more materials if needed.

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See the Michigan hunting section at

<http://web.mel.org/viewtopic.jsp?id=144&p甲id=1006>



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Database Spotlight

Netlibrary is a collection of electronic books that you or your constituents can use anywhere. To start, go to <http://mel.org/> and select Log On at Home or Work on the lower left side of the page. Once you are in, NetLibrary is under General Interest. Try searching by deer hunting, hunting law or fishing. Topics covered include hunting rights, hunting guides, and how to books.

Michigan Hunting Fun Facts

The 2004 deer-hunting season will be similar to 2003, with an estimated harvest of 500,000 deer – approximately the size of the entire herd in 1970.

The first bow-hunting season was established in 1937, 168 hunters took 4 deer.

An expected 775,000 individuals will purchase at least one deer license in 2004.

Hunters will spend more than \$500 million for food, lodging, transportation, and equipment to pursue deer in Michigan.

Deer do get around too! On November 8, 1963, two deer wandered into the University of Michigan football stadium.

Because of their adaptability to Michigan's climate and ecology and an absence of natural predators, Michigan's current deer herd is estimated at 1.75 million.

In 2004, hunters will spend a total of more than 10 million days enjoying deer hunting during archery, firearm, and muzzleloading seasons combined, which is more deer hunting than any other state or Canadian province.

It is illegal to hunt from any motorized vehicle, unless you have a permit (available to persons with disabilities).

Until 1978 it was legal to hunt house cats. St. Clair Elementary students protested the law and were on hand when Gov. Milliken signed the law protecting cats.

In 2004, Michigan allows hunting of at least 32 species; including wild turkeys, coyotes, and bobcats as well as the white-tailed deer.

During 2000-2002, at least 91% of the hunting license buyers purchased a deer-hunting license.

Some species are specifically protected from hunting, which are: eagles, hawks, owls, swans, spruce grouse, wolves, lynx, moose, cougars, cub bears, and sows accompanied by cubs, and all white or albino deer. All non-game birds are protected, except starlings, English sparrows and feral pigeons.



Deer hunters waiting for the ferry at the Straits of Mackinac circa 1955 before the Mackinac Bridge was built.

Photo courtesy of the State Archives.

Archives Resources

In addition to the collection the above photo is from, the State Archives has much to offer on hunting. Documentary materials include the history of the licensing process, deer population studies, and executive correspondence relating to hunting issues.

Rare Resources

The Rare Book Room has the Bower-Averbach Collections, materials on fishing from the scientific to the antiquarian. Many are on Michigan and the Great Lakes.